Plymouth Aſſociation.

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Corps of Guides.

IT is propoſed, that a CORPS of GUIDES, not exceeding on Horſeback and on Foot, conſiſting of thoſe who are beſt acquainted with the Roads, Lanes, Foot-paths, Bridges, Creeks, Rivers, Fords, &c. &c. as well as other Communications, in the ſeveral Parts of this Neighbourhood, be recommended to be formed, and that their Names and Places of Abode be made known to the General Officers of the Diſtrict.

That as there may ſtill remain a large Body of Inhabitants in this Town, who, from various Reaſons, may not enroll themſelves to ſerve in the Armed Corps, who as Labourers and Artificers, would be of eſſential Service to their Country, in the Hour of the menaced Attack, in the Capacity of PIONEERS, for which End their reſpective Avocations are peculiarly adapted; the Enrollment of Perſons of that Deſcription, is ſtrongly recommended, particularly as in the Event of an Invaſion, the Services of ſuch Perſons, in their ſeveral Callings, muſt neceſſarily ceaſe to continue to their preſent Employers.—The Allowances propoſed to be made to PIONEERS, from the Day on which they may be required to aſſemble, until their Services may be no longer wanted, are as follows:

To every Able-bodied Man, One Shilling and Six-pence per Day, And

To every Leader (or Capt.) of 25 Men, or upwards, Two-pence per Day for every Man under his Command.—Theſe Leaders to be ſtiled Captains; their Companies to conſiſt of not leſs than 25, or more than 75 Men. To every 25 Men, of which a Company may conſiſt, one OVERSEER is to be allowed, to be appointed by the Captain, and removeable at his Pleaſure, at the Daily Allowance of Three Shillings, from the Day of aſſembly. Their Duty, as PIONEERS, will be chiefly to retard the Progreſs of the Enemy, by breaking up Roads and Bridges, felling Trees, and erecting other Obſtructions to his Advance, or otherwiſe in facilitating the March of our own Troops, by repairing Roads, Bridges, &c. &c.—Each Man will be allowed to draw certain Rations of Bread from the Public Magazines, and will be regularly paid according to a ſpecific Form.

Dated Council-Chamber, the 30th April, 1798.—Signed, on Behalf of the Committee,

Robert Pell, Chairman.

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